

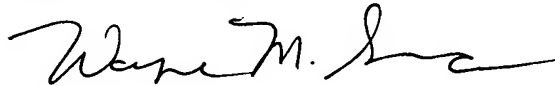
Remarks

The claims have been amended for readability in order to place the claims in a format suitable to facilitate prosecution before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability.

Conclusion

The Applicants submit that claims 1-9 satisfy all requirements for patentability and are allowable over the prior art. If any fees are due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,



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